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REPORT 2/H3/VCA/R89-65 DTG 201403Z DEC 65. POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF U.S. AIRCRAFT
TRANSCRIPTION OF MULTICHANNEL RADIO RELAY COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTED BY
ACRP (SILVERDAWN) ON 20 DEC 65 BETWEEN 0042Z AND CONFIRMS EARLIER INDICATIONS
THAT ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY DESTROYED ONE U.S. AIRCRAFT IN THE UONG BI
VICINITY. SATIONS INVOLVING THE SECTION CHIEF OF A SAM INSTALLATION EAST OF
UONG BI REVEAL THE SHOOTDOWN OCCURRED SOME TIME BETWEEN 2300Z AND THE INITIAL
REFLECTION OF MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS AT 0042Z. NARRATIVE RELATED BY THE
SPEAKER IDENTIFIES THE INSTALLATION AS THAT PREVIOUSLY NOTED ACTIVE AT 2059H
10700E THE SAT THE INSTALLATION, DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS THE SECTION
CHIEF OR WATCH OFFICER, RELATE THAT THE ENEMY WERE INITIALLY DETECTED AT 2300Z,
EARLIER THE SAME MORNING, TWENTY-FIVE NAUTICAL MILES OVER THE TONKIN GULF.
TARGET, IDENTIFIED AS FOUR AIRCRAFT, WAS TRACKED FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHEAST,
LATER TURNING TO OVERFLY THE INTION ON A GENERAL SOUTHWESTERLY HEADING. THE
SPEAKER INDICATED ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY UNITS IN THE AREA ENGAGED THE ENEMY,
POSSIBLY DAMAGING ONE, BUT THE TARGET CONTINUED WESTWARD, ATTACKING THE ROAD TO
UONG BI, WHERE AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED. AT APPROXIMATELY 0045Z AN UNIDENTIFIED
SPEAKER REPORTED THE SIGHTING OF A PILOT. FURTHER SATIONS NOTED AT 0047Z
REVEAL THAT THE PILOT HAD NOT YET BEEN APPREHENDED. AS LATE AS 0125Z, A
SPEAKER STATED HE POSSESSED NO KNOWLEDGE WHETHER THE PILOT(S) HAD BEEN CAPTURED,
BUT CONSENTED TO INQUIRE. FATE OF THE REMAINED UNKNOWN UNTIL 0246Z, WHEN A
SPEAKER MENTIONED THAT ONE PILOT WAS DEAD AND OTHER WAS "STILL ALIVE."
RESPONSE TO QUERIES CONCERNING THE QUANTITY OF MISSILES REMAINING AT HIS
INSTALLATION, THE SPEAKER REPLIED, "TWO TEN HERE." FURTHER INVESTIGATION
DISCLOSED EIGHT MISSILES IN PLACE WITH THREE IN RESERVE. ELABORATING ON THE
FIGURE, THE SPEAKER DESCRIBED CONDITION OF TWO RESERVE MISSILES AS BEING "VERY
GOOD." THIS WILL BEAL REPORT UNLESS ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION BECOMES
AVAILABLE. 647 HHHH

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